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Happy Birthday President Davis!

It is hard to believe the year has rolled around to Memorial Day and the birthday of President Jefferson Davis. As we remember President Davis' birthday with celebrations, memorials, and dedications, let us not forget the accomplishments he made in the Senate, when he was Secretary of War, and as President of the Confederate States of America, as well as his leadership through the War Between the States. President Davis did not want war any more than any Southern man or woman, but it arrived at the Southland's doorstep with the occupation of Kentucky and the firing on Fort Sumter. For this firing gave Lincoln the pretext he needed to wage war.

President Jefferson Davis stated,

"I tried all in my power to avert this war. I saw it coming, for twelve years I worked night and day to prevent it, but I could not. The North was mad and blind; it would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came, and now it must go on till the last man of this generation falls in his tracks, and his children seize the musket and fight our battle, unless you acknowledge our right to self government. We are not fighting for slavery. We are fighting for Independence, and that, or extermination..."

But war did come. As their forefather's before, the Southern men and boys gathered their hunting rifles, pistols, and mounted their thoroughbreds to ride to the nearest recruiting camp to face tyranny.

As we honor the veterans this Memorial Day, let's remember the sacrifices made for our freedoms and our liberties. Let us remember the early patriots, the Confederate soldier, and all the Southern men and women who participated in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and all the wars in the Middle East.

FOR THERE IS A SOLDIER. This soldier represents all those who have fought for freedom, liberty, and the God-given right of self-determination. In our history as a people, this soldier may be well educated, or he may have never learned to read and write, but he has given his all for love of family and country, always believing that he acted out of a sense of duty and with honor.

Close your eyes and picture in your mind this soldier. He could be a colonial soldier holding his musket in his bloody hands, tired from fighting the British army. He might be a Confederate soldier grasping a rifle that had once served to only feed his family rather than defending his home. He might be an American clinging to his rifle in a foxhole in France or Germany, or even in the Philippines or Iwo Jima. He might be today's

soldier walking the streets of a foreign country filled with hate and disdain for him because he is an American.

He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family, surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war. He stands tough, with fire in his eyes and knowledge of the righteousness of his cause in his heart. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this...

"I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Declaration of Independence and documented in the Constitution.

I fought to defend those rights when the British, the Yankees, the Germans, and the Japanese came to take it away. And now your children graduate too illiterate to read the documents that explain their freedoms.

I left my family destitute to give you the freedom to vote and you stay at home because it rains.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and you sat and watched as it stole your liberties."

It's the soldier not the reporter who defends your freedom of the press.

It's the soldier not the poet who defends your freedom of speech.

It's the soldier not the campus organizer who protects your right to demonstrate.

We Southerners owe much to our ancestors who were willing to go into harm's way and defend our rights. They gave their material wealth as well as their very lives, so we could have freedom. Much was sacrificed, but much was gained.

Lest We Forget. May God Bless the South.

Sincerely,

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Officer Reports

1st Vice President –Matilda Speck

Only three (3) Remembrance of 150 Years pins remain. Be one of the three lucky ladies to purchase this beautiful pin. When these pins are gone, there will be NO more.

There are three (3) Tennessee Division pins remaining. These three pins will be sold for \$25 plus \$2 for shipping. The Tennessee Division pin has been reordered. Due to the cost of gold, the new pins will be sold for \$35 plus \$2.25 shipping. There will be a new order form placed on the Tennessee Division website when the three pins are sold. The last Tennessee Division pins were ordered in 2006. We do regret having to raise the cost of the pin, but I'm sure everyone knows how much everything has gone up in the last seven years.

Due to Lynn Arts, Inc. summer shut-down, June 28, 2013 to July 15, 2013, the engraved insignia orders placed on the Engraved Insignia Order Form No. 1 will be delayed. Please, continue to send your Insignia Orders as I will be transmitting the Insignia Orders to Lynn Art's, Inc. during this period. Non-Engraved orders and Insignia on the Engraved Order Form No. 2 will not be affected.

Chapter Vice President: If your email address has changed or is incorrect in the Minute Book, please email me your new address. Ladies, you are doing a great job with your insignia orders.

I am here to serve you. If you have any questions on Insignia orders, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great summer!

Matilda Speck
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Recording Secretary – Rebecca Sardella

As the Division Convention draws closer, so does the time for submitting reports and awards lists. Below you will find the submission deadlines for awards (Aug. 23) and Committee Chairman Reports (Oct. 4).

Division Convention-Related Deadlines:

Division Committee Chairmen Awards List
Deadline: Friday, August 23.

Division Committee Chairman Reports Deadline:
Friday, October 4.

I prefer that the awards listing and committee reports be submitted via email (rksardella@aol.com), however any information mailed will be accepted, as long as they are postmarked by the applicable deadline.

There are only 13 copies of the current Minutes Book (Barbara Parson's Administration) that are available for purchase for \$14 plus \$5 shipping. These books are an invaluable resource for all members of the Tennessee Division. Be sure to purchase yours today before they are all gone!

I look forward to receiving the awards listings and committee reports. Make your plans now to visit us in Knoxville for the 2013 Tennessee Division Convention – I am excited to see you there!!

Rebecca Sardella
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Historian – Dore Dorris

One of the questions that have been brought up at the workshops is about the scrapbook. All people in a picture must be named and if all the names are not known, the judges will decide how

many points to take off. The deadline for Division Essays is July 1st and for General Essays it is August 1st. Thank you for all your hard work in preserving our heritage.

God Bless the South,

Dore Dorris
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Committee Reports

**Recorder of Military Service Awards –
Jeanell Kutterer**

Plans are already in progress for the Tennessee Division Convention. At this time, I have two approved recipients for our awards to be given at this time. I encourage you to seek out veterans and active military for our prestigious award. I would like to have at least four more recipients for the bestowal ceremony and reception given in their honor.

With each new General Recorder, she seems to change the application process. We are now required to send only chapter checks and no personal checks. Please leave the date blank. Mrs. Hampton has also asked that we send all four pages of a UDC members approved application when bestowing a medal on a chapter member. Previously, the UDC certificate was sufficient proof. The copies do not need to be on acid-free paper, but please send all four pages printed on two sheets of paper.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

**Veterans Administration Volunteer Service –
Jeanell Kutterer**

Last week I received new information from the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System concerning our homeless Veterans. This would make an

excellent project for a chapter or an individual. Veterans that are transitioning to permanent housing need our assistance to set up housekeeping. This could be in the form of a “housewarming gift” that consists of cleaning supplies upon their move-in. A list of cleaning supplies needed such as buckets, brooms, and cleanser is available from me.

There is also a “Homeless Veteran – Housing Start-up” program. This involves providing additional items needed to set up a home. On this list you will see blankets, sheets, pillows, dishes, pots and pans, etc.

I have three lists available for your asking.

1. Veteran supplies
2. Houswarming Gift Box
3. Housing Start-up

Send me a stamped self-addressed envelope and I will get one or all the lists out to you.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

Benevolent Activities – Phyllis Wilson

Dear Sisters of the TN Division UDC:

By this time I’m certain everyone is aware of the tragedy that has struck areas of Oklahoma following just a time ago the tragedy that struck West, Texas. This devastation reminds us that life is short, very valuable, and extremely unpredictable.

Hardest hit of these two cities was Moore, Oklahoma, on May 20th. Moore, OK is a city in Cleveland County, Oklahoma and is part of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. This is the 4th tornado that has struck this community of 56,000 since 1998.

Parts of Moore and neighboring Newcastle and southern Oklahoma City were stricken by a violent tornado. It had estimated wind speeds of 200-210 mph, a maximum width of 1.3 miles and a path of 17 miles; although the debris and damage covered more than 2 miles and 40 minutes on the ground. Entire subdivisions were destroyed; the tornado struck Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary Schools in Moore while school was in session. This tragedy occurred just days prior to the end of school for summer vacation. They had an official warning of just 16 minutes but meteorologists started warning people to get out of the way or get underground at least 30 minutes in advance. The death toll may have been much higher otherwise. Everyone has now been accounted for and it is now time to start the recovery and cleanup process. This will be a lengthy and costly effort. Please be as generous as possible.

TN Chapters may choose to make donations through some of the following organizations:

Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief

This organization says donations will go straight to help those in need providing tree removal services, laundry services, and meals to disaster victims. They are requesting monetary donations. You can send a check to: BGCO Attn: Disaster Relief, 3800 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Salvation Army

You can send a check to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 12600, Oklahoma City, OK 73157

American Red Cross

1-800-733-2767

Thank you all and God Bless you.

Phyllis Wilson
Chairman

Chapter Reports

Capt. W.Y.C. Hannum Chapter 1881

At the May 23, 2013 meeting of the Captain W.Y.C. Hannum Chapter 1881, the chapter-sponsored General James Longstreet 954 CofC presented the program on Gen. James Longstreet. The children also reported on the Division and General CofC project of supporting the Wounded Warrior Program. In recognition of the outstanding contributions of past President Elaine Russell to the Children of the Confederacy beyond the required duties of office, the Robert E. Lee medal was presented to her. In addition to the many contributions of both time, materials, and monetary support, the children particularly wanted mentioned that "Mrs. Elaine" provided excellent homemade ice cream, the first some of them had actually seen made. As part of Military Appreciation Month, the chapter collected funds in honor of the U.S. Military Canine Corps to provide pet food donations to the Blount County Food Pantry for those who also need assistance with feeding their pets, especially the elderly. Thank You For Your Service and Sacrifice cards were also distributed to members to present to veterans and active duty service personnel. The chapter participated in the Memorial Day services at the Blount County Courthouse and provided a wreath in memory of the Confederate soldiers listed on the War Memorial that died in service.



Pictured from left to right, Capt. W.Y.C. Hannum 1881 president Charlotte Miller; Elizabeth Greene; Chapter Div. CofC president Dylan Moya; Div. CofC chaplain Tyler Gallostra; Elaine Russell; Madison Gallostra; and CofC chapter director Florence Byrd.

Gayoso Chapter 2423

Gayoso #2423 members Dore Dorris and Stacie Shelton along with Jestein Gibson, gave tours of Davies Manor during the Shelby County Historical Days. Present were soldiers representing various wars. They were including the Revolutionary War – Greg Richardson; Confederates – Ray Dunham, Brent Dacus, Robert Moyer, and John Turner; Union – John Spain, Robert Orrand, and Nathan Moore; and WWII – Alex Burchaum.

Members of Gayoso 2423 have taken on the project of providing refreshments for a local veterans group for their monthly meetings. Stacie Shelton and Nancy Todd acted as hostesses for the February meeting. The veterans were surprised by the goody bags full of Valentine surprises each one received.

SAVE THE DATE: Gayoso 2423 will be having a Founders Day Luncheon honoring our founder Caroline Meriweather Goodlett and co-founder Anna Davenport Raines on Saturday, September 7, 2014. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Allbritton, Past First Vice President General.



Left to right, Dore Dorris, Greg Richardson, Ray Dunkam, Brent Dacus, Robert Moyer, John "Red" Turner, Stacie Shelton, John Spain, Robert Orrand, Nathan Moore, Jestein Gibson, and Alex Burchaum. All are members of the 4th and 52nd Tennessee reenactment units.

Capt. John H. Culp Chapter 2577

Ladies, our secretary Eloise Duncan had to resign for health reasons. She will remain with us as a member, thank goodness! We have appointed Mary Lauren Anderson Garner in her place. Please put this in the next newsletter and change your records as necessary. Her info is shown below:

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662/401-0024 marlande43@yahoo.com
And she recently married Robert E. Lee Garner.

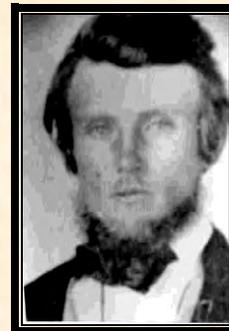
Paris Chapter 2521

On April 20, 2013, the Paris Chapter 2521 Judah P. Benjamin Award Chairman Joy Bland and Chapter President Julie Wilson had the honor to bestow the Judah P. Benjamin Award to Ms. Stephanie Tayloe. Ms. Tayloe singlehandedly saved 200 years of records that would have been lost to neglect, dust, mice, and worst of all pigeon scat by venturing into the attics of the Henry County Courthouse in Paris, TN. As Ms. Tayloe carried those records down flights of stairs she carried more than papers, she carried hope and solace. Those documents have proven to be worth their weight in gold as they held answers for many families that were searching for their roots. It is due to Ms. Tayloe's determination and her love of history that these documents are safe, secure and available to the public and will continue to be for years to come. The Paris 2521 Chapter is blessed to be able to count Ms. Stephanie Tayloe as one of its treasures.

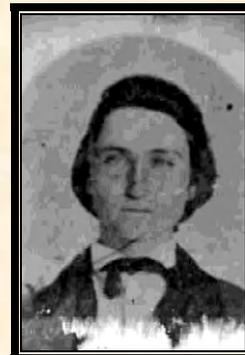


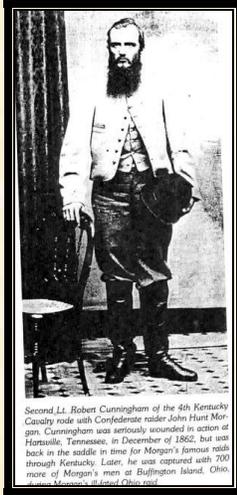
Stephanie Tayloe

WANTED: CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS



Pvt. Mickens Carr Cunningham
Co. G, 4th KY Mounted Infantry
Great-Great-Uncle of Linda Stokes Fritz





2nd Lt. Robert Bruce Cunningham
Co. E, 8th KY Cavalry
Nephew of William Thomas Cunningham
Great-great-grandfather of Linda Stokes Fritz

Ladies, we wish to say a most sincere thank you for all the historic pictures you have postal mailed and emailed to us. Yes, we are still asking each of you to please submit a picture of your ancestor. Many of these fine gentlemen did have pictures made in their later years, and many had group pictures made at numerous Confederate Reunions. If you will identify your soldier or soldiers in a Reunion picture, then we can place that picture with the presentation for the Tennessee Division Convention. I know summer is always a busy time, but please add these pictures to your "things to do list." We also ask each Chapter President and Chapter Registrar to help with this task.

It was suggested in a recent Tennessee Division Executive Committee meeting that we ask of you to complete the following data on each of the CSA soldiers that you submit. PLEASE SUBMIT BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2013.

CSA Soldier/Ancestor's name

Military Service - Company _____,
Regiment _____

(Check one) Artillery _____, Cavalry _____,
Infantry _____, Navy _____, Other/Specify _____

UDC member's Name

Chapter Name & Number

We thank you for helping in the preservation of our history and honoring your Confederate ancestors. Also, we wish you the best in your quest for pictures!

Thank you!

Jennie Jo Hardison
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"To me, the campaign by certain groups to remove all the symbols and memorials to our Southern past amounts to the same thing ... a desecration of graves. Every flag or monument that is removed, every plaque taken down, every school or street or bridge that is renamed, is no different from a broken tombstone. It is wanton and hateful violence directed at the dead, who can no longer defend themselves." ~ John Field Panko